

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) Mormugao Port Trust and Mumbai Port Trust have identified projects for construction of Cruise Terminals in their Ports. The projects are at different stages of planning.

Road projects in A.P.

2519. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether road projects in Andhra Pradesh started by NDA Government have been completed as per schedule/target;

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay project-wise, location-wise and year-wise;

(c) by when the incompleted projects are going to be completed and the details thereof; and

(d) whether annual allocation for their repair and maintenance in the States has constantly been decreasing resulting in their decay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) All the road projects started by NDA Government have been completed as per schedule except the two projects mentioned below which have been delayed due to termination of original contracts:

- (i) 4-laning of Srikakulam-Champavati section of NH-5 . (ii) 4-laning of Gundla-Pochampalli to Bowenpalli and Shivarampalli to Thondapalli section of NH-7.

The balance work pertaining to these terminated contracts has already been awarded to other agencies and the same is likely to be completed by June, 2007

(d) No, Sir.

Cargo handling capacity

2520. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cargo handling capacity of major ports in the country;

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(b) whether the capacity is adequate to meet the demand in view of the anticipated growth in the sector; and

(c) if not, the action taken to augment the capacity?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The details of existing cargo handling capacity of the major ports as on 31-3-2006 are as under:—

Sl.No.	Commodity	Total (in Million Tonnes)
1.	POL	162.25
2.	Iron Ore	55.80
3.	Coal (Thermal)	46.25
4.	Fertilizers	7.60
5.	General Break Bulk Cargo	122.20
6.	Container	62.10
	(in lakh 20 Foot Equivalent Units)	51.76)
TOTAL:		456.20 Million Tonnes

(b) and (c) Ports are generally equipped to deal with loading and unloading of goods keeping in view the cargo profile a port is handling. However, improvement of the infrastructure of major ports in terms of loading and unloading of goods and other facilities in the country is an ongoing process. Under the National Maritime Development Programme (NMDP), a total number of 276 projects in the major ports involving development of berths, deepening of channels, equipment upgradation and modernization, rail and road connectivity and other associated projects are planned to be implemented by 2011-12.

Four laning of NHs

2521. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the new roads proposed by different States for inclusion as National Highways;

(b) the status of these proposals;